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Low enrollment could cost school \$2.8 million

By CARISSA RICHARDS
HORNET STAFF WRITER

Sacramento State is in danger of losing \$2.8 million from the general fund budget if enrollment does not increase. Jolene Koester, vice president for academic affairs, said in a budget briefing to faculty and staff Friday.

Because of recent legislation, the enrollment target for the CSU system was increased by 2,500 Full Time Equivalent students (FTE), after students had already been admitted for the fall 1994 semester.

Koester said to accommodate this change, the CSU chancellor's office changed each of the campuses FTE targets, increasing Sacramento State's FTE target from 17,150 to 17,496 students.

According to Koester, the chancellor's office is intending to employ what is referred to as the 2 percent rule.

This policy is used to adjust campus based budgets if enrollment is either 2 percent above or 2 percent below the campus' official FTE target.

This rule states that the university must come within 2 percent of the targeted FTE — at least 17,150 students for the 1994-95 academic

year — or pay \$5,300 for each FTE under 17,150.

According to Larry Glasmire, director of admissions and records, the university's FTE enrollment for the 94/95 academic year will reach 16,621.

"At this point in time our projection is that we will not achieve that 17,500 target," Glasmire said.

Glasmire said overall enrollment is down approximately 4 percent this semester. He said that while the number of first time freshmen is up about 13 percent and new incoming students is up about 4 percent, the bulk of enrollment is continuing students and their enrollment is down approximately 7 percent.

He said the university administration is hoping to attract more incoming students for the spring semester and retain more of the students that are attending in the fall semester.

Mernoy Harrison, vice president for administrative and business affairs, said that the problem was created when the state legislature required the CSU's to enroll 2,500 more students for the 94/95 school year without any state appropriation being given.

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Ex-ASI director seeks \$4 million

By VINCENT D. MARCHAND
HORNET NEWS EDITOR

Former executive director of Sacramento State's Associated Students Inc. Peter Pursley, an attorney, has filed a lawsuit against ASI seeking \$4 million in punitive damages, claiming that his contract was terminated for "political considerations."

Pursley, who was executive director since 1989, was fired in May of 1993 with four years remaining on his contract.

In his lawsuit, Pursley describes how he helped the ASI board draft a resolution in opposition to the appointment of Barry Munitz to the California State University chancellor's post. He claims this is what eventually led to his dismissal.

The complaint also accuses ASI of defaming Pursley's character and invading his privacy by putting him under surveillance and "taking a collection of his normally distributed garbage."

Pursley's responsibilities as executive director included management of the ASI operating programs and advising the board.

Pursley was executive director at a time when ASI was involved in numerous controversies. In 1991, Wendy Lisinski, account clerk for ASI at the time, was accused of embezzling close to \$80,000, and later pled guilty to grand theft.

The embezzlement led to an internal audit of ASI, which investigated Pursley, among others, for questionable accounting practices. According to the audit, serious problems were found in each aspect of the operation that was analyzed.

Also, in the summer of 1991, Pursley received a controversial \$14,000 salary increase. The ASI board at the time questioned this raise, saying there was insufficient documentation provided.

In July 1992, Pursley's problems with ASI leaders became more personal. In a July 16, 1992 memo to Dean of Students George Wayne from Dave Fitzhugh, then-ASI vice president of finance, Fitzhugh said, "This man is out of control. The office working environment is hostile at best."

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Multi-Cultural Center director still on leave

By ERIC FERRERO
HORNET EDITOR IN CHIEF

Sacramento State Multi-Cultural Center Director Suzanne Brooks — who was granted Catastrophic Leave twice over the summer — may return to work sometime next month, university officials said Monday.

In June, Student Activities Program Advisor Leonard Valdez was appointed interim director of the center, and Brooks was granted the first of two Catastrophic Leave requests, which allow other employees to donate sick and vacation leave hours to other employees with an illness or injury "which has totally incapacitated the employee from work."

Dean of Student Affairs George Wayne said Monday that the university expects Brooks back soon.

"Leonard Valdez will be acting director of the Multi-Cultural Center in the absence of Director Brooks. The last information we had indicated that she would be returning sometime this month, but that's a personnel issue," Wayne said.

Valdez said he is serving as interim director indefinitely.

"I don't know one week to the next if I'll still be here," he said last week.

Meanwhile, Wagner said Brooks could remain on various forms of paid and unpaid leave for several years.

"If somebody's out on a medically-related leave and it's verified, the university's position has been to provide that leave for as long as possible," Wagner said. "Some employees have

been on medical leave for years because of the nature of their condition."

Dean of Faculty and Staff Affairs David

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Wagner said he decided to grant Catastrophic Leave to Brooks because she provided medical documentation that she could not work.

According to CSU Spokeswoman Colleen Bentley-Adler, Catastrophic Leave has only been granted "a couple of times at each cam-

pus." But Wagner said as many as ten Sacramento State employees are granted Catastrophic Leave each year.

"We've granted this sort of leave to individuals undergoing things like very intensive chemotherapy, life-threatening illnesses and debilitating illnesses," Wagner said. "They are longer-term illnesses where employees simply can't come to work."

Wagner would not comment on the specifics of Brooks' request for Catastrophic Leave, but Brooks told the *Sacramento Bee* in April that she was on leave because of the stress caused by allegations of improper spending.

"I'm ill because of the hostile and demeaning work environment with which I'm con-

fronted," Brooks told the *Bee* in an April 12 article.

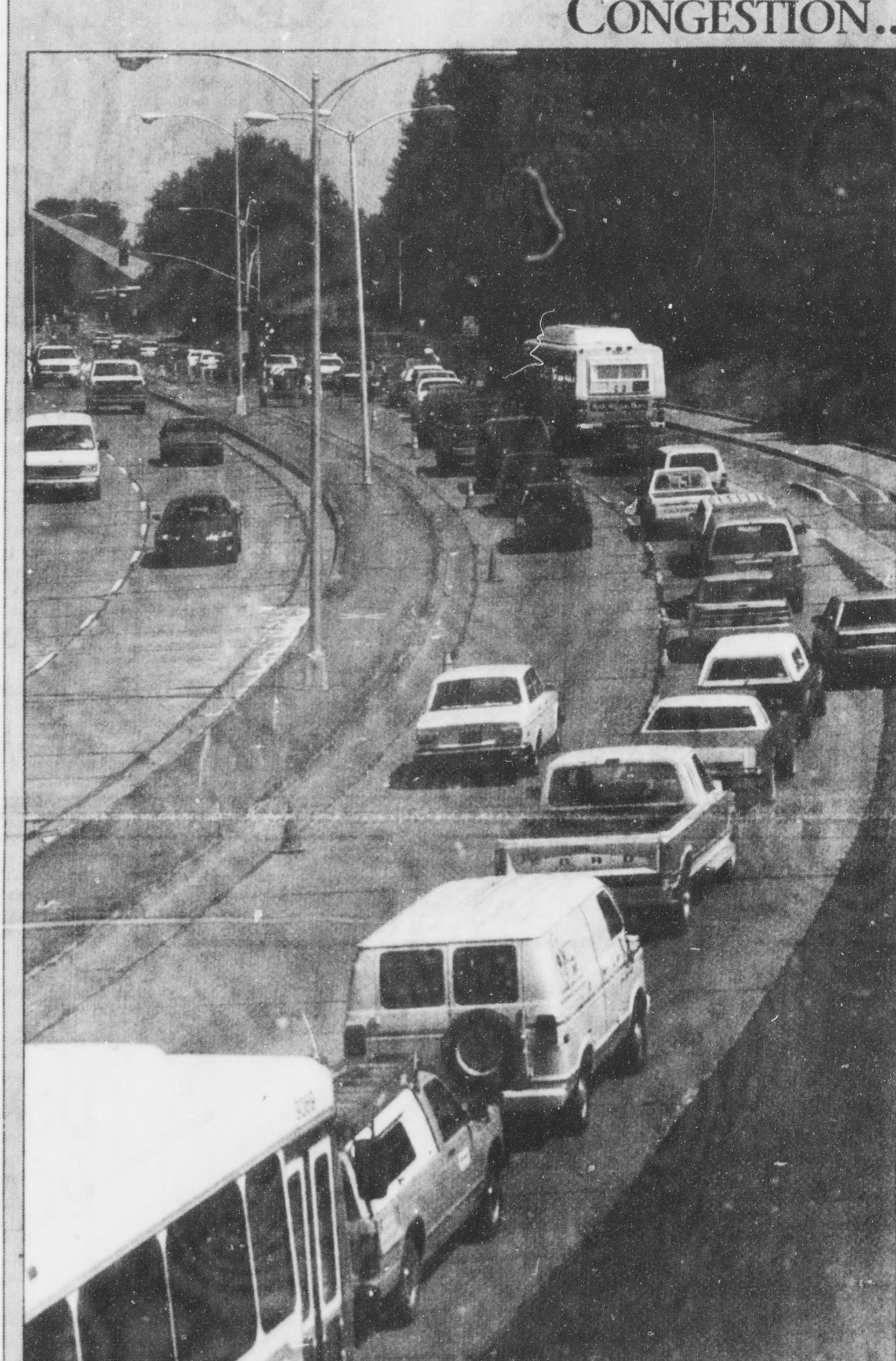
The first of Brooks' two requests for Catastrophic Leave was approved in late May, and the second was approved earlier this month.

Brooks requested a leave of absence in March after telling an Associated Students Inc. budget committee that she loaned money from the center's travel fund to students at her discretion.

The university launched an investigation, which led President Gerth to order an audit of the center's finances in April.

The audit revealed that no laws were broken, but it did uncover sloppy financial practices by university officials.

Brooks — who has been on leave since the university launched an investigation into the possible misuse of center funds in late March — has been granted Catastrophic Leave.



Kevin Boyd/State Hornet

Traffic at the front entrance to campus remained backed up all Monday morning. Even with the throng of students here for the first day of classes, enrollment has continued to decrease.

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Neither Young, nor current ASI President Stephen Henderson could be reached for comment.

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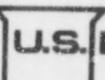
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Our Projected Enrollment for 94/95 16,621

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Enrollment: Low FTE's may cost millions

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tion of student enrollment equaling 15 units.

The admissions office sets a target FTE enrollment for each year that generally coincides with the official FTE target enrollment set by the chancellor's office.

The Office of University Affairs is

planning to advertise in the *Sacramento News & Review*, the *Sacramento Bee* and on several local radio stations.

Robert Jones, Vice President for University Affairs, said in his 10 years at the university, "I don't recall having made any arrangements for paid advertising."

Alleged campus ATM thief arraigned

Francine Maglionico

HORNET STAFF WRITER

A man who confessed to embezzling more than \$60,000 in April from the automated teller machine (ATM) located on the Sacramento State campus, was arraigned Friday.

Paul F. Helfrick, driver and money replenisher for Wells Fargo Armored Inc., became a suspect when a videotape revealed that he visited the ATM between 5 and 6 p.m. on April 28, a day that wasn't part of his regular shift.

according to John Hamrick, Sacramento State Campus Police spokesman.

Further investigation by the FBI and the Sacramento State Campus Police led to a search of Helfrick's Bay Point home on July 26.

Four firearms, financial documents and an undisclosed amount of cash were found at Helfrick's residence by CSUS officers Roger Britton and Victor Vinson and Contra Costa Sheriff's Department's "J" Team.

After returning home later that day,

unaware that the police had entered his home and confiscated these objects, Helfrick called 911 to report a "burglary." The police came less than an hour later and placed Helfrick under arrest.

Commenting on the irony of Helfrick's situation, Hamrick said, "The 911 call he made to the police actually set him up for a trip to jail."

Later, Helfrick not only confessed to the crime, but led police to more stolen money stashed in a storage locker in Concord, California.

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SPORTS



TUESDAY MORNING
QB
Donald Dirks

A commuter campus, huh?
Is this why we can't fill a gym
that holds only 1,800 people?

Last year Sacramento State's women's basketball team showcased one of the premier college basketball players in the nation. Kristy Ryan led the nation in scoring, yet if you were walking through the quad and bumped into her, you wouldn't have a clue who she was. Let me repeat this: *she led the nation in scoring*.

Granted, last year's CSUS men's basketball team struggled and we all know what that equates to in the stands. Conversely, somebody please explain to me what happened to the Atlanta Hawks and their attendance. Anyway, that's another column, another day.

The men's basketball team may not have achieved success in the win column, but the women's basketball and volleyball teams did. There's no excuse not to come out and support these teams. This is quality entertainment at the low, low cost of a glance at your current student ID card. That's it. No excuses.

By the way, when's the last time you've seen a professional baseball game? A few weeks, huh? Try substituting your baseball fix while catching a Sacramento State Football game or if you absolutely need a professional fix, why not try the Gold Miners this Friday at Hornet Stadium. Students get a discount on ticket prices for the Gold Miners, but if you want a better deal than that check out Sacramento State Football.

Once again, for the low, low price of a student body card you can attend for no charge. Division I Football at absolutely no cost. I dare you to beat that. But wait there's more!

If you act now, all home football games will be holding a raffle for two free tuitions good for the next semester. Yes, you read it correctly. Two free tuitions at each home game. Just think what you could do with the \$1000 you'll save if you get the winning number. Your chances are better at winning this raffle than winning the lottery. The average home attendance last season was just over 4,000. I'm not a math major, but I can figure out that those are pretty good chances.

But wait, there's more! If you act now, we'll throw in a free rock concert at the end of the first game for absolutely free. Yes, the rock and roll legend Eddie Money will be performing a rock concert at the end of the first home game for the low, low price of a current student body card.

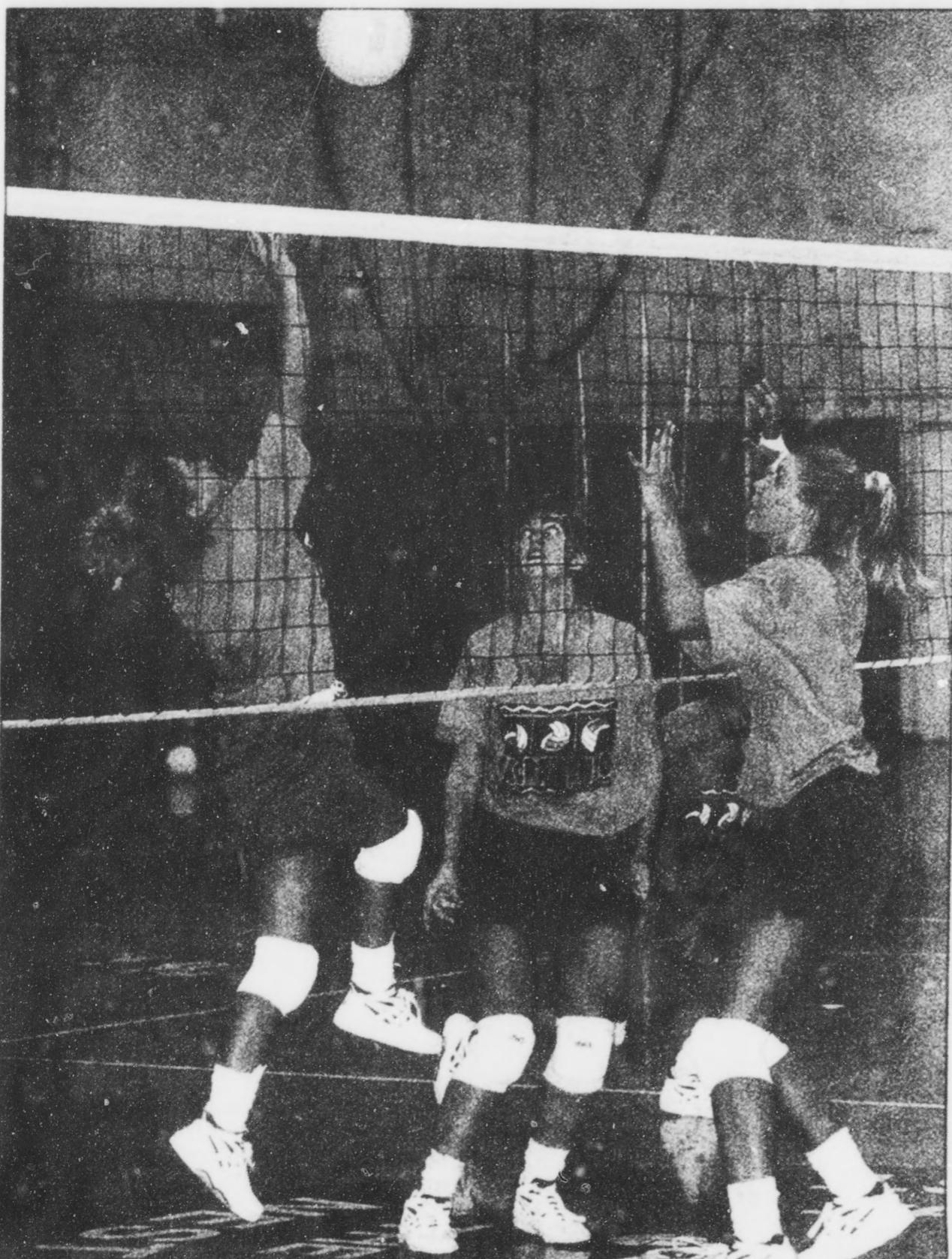
Oh, did I mention the women's soccer team will be introducing themselves to intercollegiate play this semester? Not only will they introduce themselves to Division I, they'll be playing schools that include the likes of Stanford, Hawaii, and UOP. Sounds like good entertainment to me.

So, for those of you not keeping score at home. That's one player leading the nation in scoring, two straight playoff berths for the volleyball team, Division I football, free tuition, free rock concert and prestigious opponents such as Stanford; all for the low, low price of your student body card.

With the baseball strike nowhere close to being resolved, there's no need to camp on top of America Live! to make your statement. Just open your eyes and you'll see there's quality sports being played on campus with athletes that really do care about the game. Can you say that about baseball? Besides the free stuff is kinda cool too.

Don's Column appears every Tuesday. Write him at 6000 J St., Bldg. T, GG, Sacramento, CA 95819-6102. Or call and voice your opinion at 278-6584.

Volleyball eyeing playoffs for third year in a row



Hornet volleyball players attacking and digging for the upcoming season. Kevin Boyd/State Hornet

By JUD LYMAN
HORNET STAFF WRITER

Another season of women's volleyball is beginning and the Hornet's volleyball team has every reason to be excited when talking about the upcoming season. The team will begin its season on September 3 at the Montana Invitational against Montana, and will have its first home game on September 13 against Santa Clara.

Last season the team finished with a record of 28 wins and 9 losses and was invited to the National Invitation of Volleyball Championship for the second year in a row, receiving 5th place out of 20 teams.

The women's volleyball team will be playing their first season in the America West League, also in its first season as a volleyball league.

In the America West League with CSUS is Cal Poly SLO, CSU Northridge, and Southern Utah.

"Our biggest goal this season is to make it to the NCAA playoffs," said Head Coach Debbie Colberg. "With

the games against Santa Clara, Pac-10 teams like Oregon State and Arizona State, and UOP.

There are several players to keep an eye on when watching the team play. The first player is junior Susie Sevren, who was voted to the All-Region Team last year. Sevren is a two-year returning setter who had 331 digs last season.

A second player to watch is senior Jenny Gunderson who was ranked 12th in the nation last year in blocks with 29 solo blocks and 167 assisted blocks. A third player to keep an eye on is senior outside hitter Shannon Melville. Melville, in starting 34 matches last year, had 350 kills, 296 digs, and 72 total blocks.

There are also a couple of newcomers who are expected to make a big contribution this year. One of the newcomers is freshman outside hitter Janelle Reichert, a second is sophomore Jill Haas.

Haas, a transfer student from UC Santa Barbara, was named one of the top 50 volleyball players in the nation coming out of high school.

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Head Coach Debbie Colberg

only three other teams in the league my guess is that it will come down to us and Northridge for the league title."

The only problem might be that unlike many other volleyball leagues where the winner receives an automatic spot in the playoffs, this is not the case with the America West.

"It is such a new league that it does not have the respectability that many of the other leagues have. That just means we will have to win most of our other tough non-league games, and there are plenty of those," coach Colberg said.

The tough non-league games mentioned by coach Colberg will include

This is also the 19th season as head coach for Debbie Colberg who graduated from CSUS in 1970 after spending 4 years on the volleyball team. She then spent 3 years as the head coach of girls volleyball at Rio Americano High School before taking over here in 1976. Since starting here a CSUS coach, Colberg has had a career record of 481 wins and 151 losses.

One final aspect of the upcoming season will be the new court that the games are played on. The volleyball

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Sacramento State football welcomes "freshness"

Only seven starters return from last year's team that finished 4-6

By KEN HART
HORNET STAFF WRITER

Hi, my name is (fill in the blank).

This badge is what every new college student needs at an orientation, and what the majority of the 1994 Sacramento State football team could probably use right now.

This year's team is loaded with newcomers and young players who seek not only a starting job on the team, but also a chance to help improve last year's record of 4-6 and a second-place tie in the four-team America West Conference.

Second-year Hornet Head Coach Mike Clemons said he is excited about the "freshness" of the team.

"Our objective is to take the energy of the youth and take advantage of it," Clemons said. "Then we go to work. The quicker the younger players develop, get on the field and prove they can get the job done, the better football team we'll be."

The Hornet offense is looking to stress ball control this year.

"We need to make first downs, control the football and keep our young defense off that field," Clemons said.

Leading the offense will be the athletic quarterback Joe Garofalo, a senior who saw a lot of playing time as a part-time starter last season. In 1993 Garofalo appeared in seven games, completing nearly 60 percent of his passes while throwing for six touchdowns and only one interception.

"He's a quality thrower," Clemons said. "He's got a great release, he throws a nice, soft ball and runs (the 40-yard dash in) 4.5 (seconds). When he gets under the center, his job is to make things happen."

However, Garofalo is not a one-

man offense. "It takes 11 people," Garofalo said. "I can't go out there and do it by myself, but I believe leading (the offense) is one of my bigger responsibilities."

Leading the running game will be senior running back Troy "Thunder" Gassaway, whom Clemons said looked excellent in practice.

"He came in very good condition and he looks very explosive," Clemons said. "He looks like the guy who's going to be carrying (a piece of) the mail."

The Hornet offensive line suffered

a major setback when junior offensive tackle Jason Bannan, a *Sporting News* preseason Little All American, went down with a knee injury during practice and will be out indefinitely.

"Right now it's a wait-and-see deal. He may be five weeks away. He may be a month away. He may be two weeks away. I really don't know," Clemons said. "He's a tough kid and he'll rebound as best as he possibly can."

Clemons said the team will just have to go on until Bannan is healthy.

"His presence on the field is very important to us, but without him, we're just going to have to deal with it until the time comes when he can get himself back into the lineup," Clemons said.

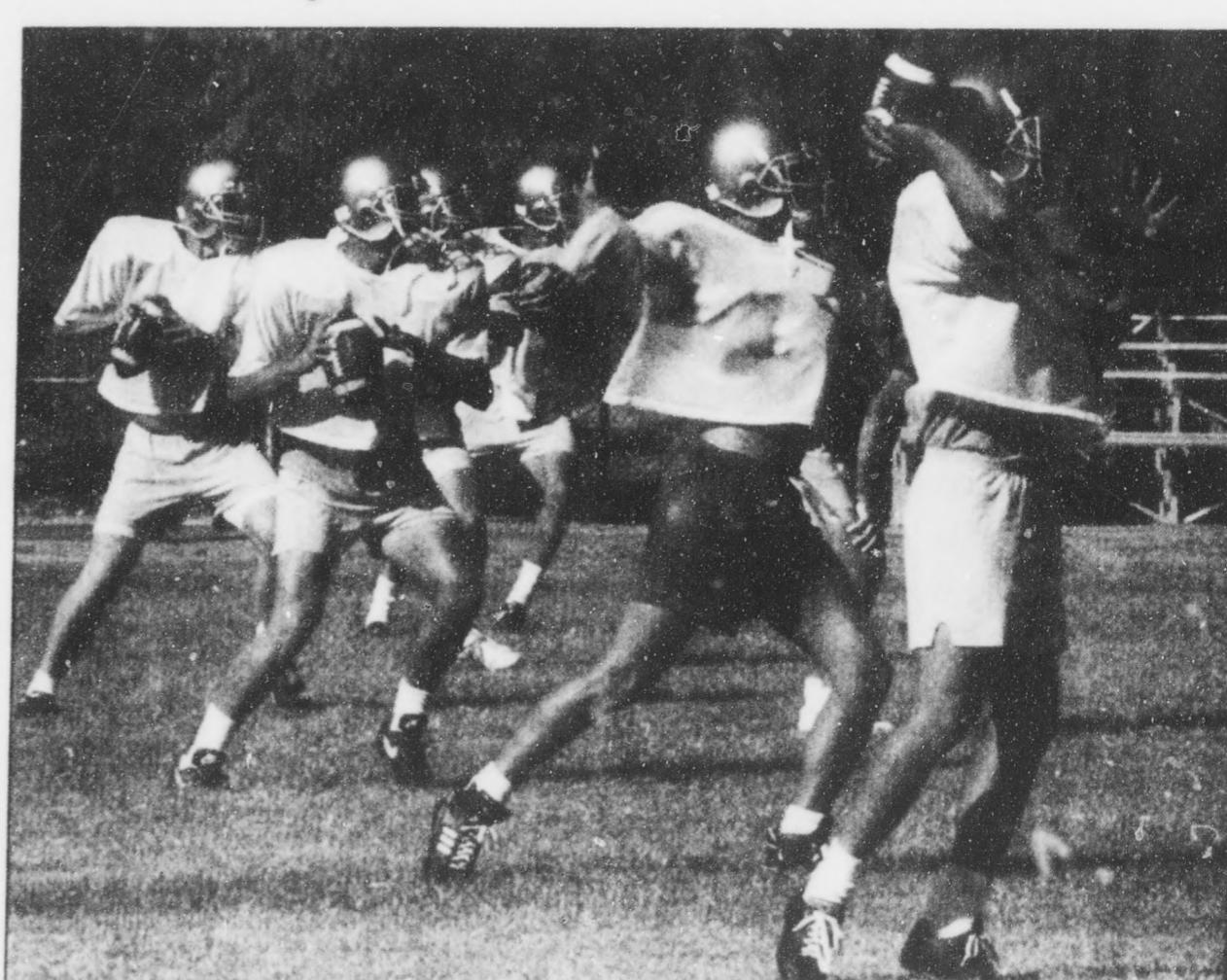
This year's defense is low on experience, but high on players hungry for jobs.

Only two starters return from last year's team.

Senior linebacker J.B. Cahoon along with fellow senior linebacker Greg Johnson, a 1993 all-league selection, are two of the few veterans on the defense.

Also returning is senior cornerback Judd Flemming, who

started the last four games of the



Several players compete for a roster spot on the 40th anniversary of Hornet football. Kevin Boyd/State Hornet

'93 season and became an all-league pick after intercepting four passes, two of which set up winning touchdowns for the Hornets.

Competing for strong safety will be Malik Jackson, a 5th-year senior team co-captain whom Clemons said sets an excellent example for youngsters on the team.

"I try to help them out, because I received a lot of help when I (first) got here, so I try to give back to them," Jackson said. "I'm not very vocal, so I lead by example."

Jackson expects to add big contributions to the team as well as cornerbacks Kato and Wasswa have a good season personally.

"Once I get rolling in my game, Sacramento High School. I expect to do pretty well," he said. "We knew they were good. I want to get my hands on football players and right now balls and go out there and do what they're proving that they can I can do. That's what my game play," Clemons said.

The Hornets will play such defense is very scrappy and should Stephen F. Austin University and do well. "We're based on quickness. We're not going to over-power anybody, but we fly around U.C. Davis will take place on and that's one thing that will help October 8 in Davis. us out," he said.

Several newcomers have caught Clemons' eye, such as

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Sports

Men's soccer optimistic over upcoming season

Six starters return from last year's team that finished 5-12-1 overall.

By JUD LYMAN
HORNET STAFF WRITER

The Sacramento State Men's Soccer team is ready to kick off another season of play. The team will begin their season at the Chiquita Soccer Classic on September 3 against CSU Fullerton, and will play their first home game on September 13 at 5 p.m. against Santa Clara.

The men's soccer team is in its third season of play in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. Also in the MPFS is Air Force, Stanford, Berkeley, Fresno State, San Jose State, Oregon State, and Washington.

Last year the men's soccer team finished with a record of 5 wins, 12 losses, and 1 tie.

"We have set very high goals for ourselves this year. We want

to win our conference and make it to the NCAA playoffs for the first time in school history," Head Coach Michael Linenberger said.

The team is returning four starters from last season's team. The first of which is Martin Sims, a senior midfielder who led the team with 12 goals, including 3 game winners, and 2 assists. Sims is also one of the co-captains this season.

Another returning starter is Marcus Hanson, a senior defender who had 1 goal last season. A third returning starter is Brandon Cavitt, a junior midfielder who had 1 goal and 5 assists last season.

"Brandon is one of the fastest players in the nation," coach Linenberger said.

A final top returner this year is Gary Davis, a junior goalkeeper



File Photo/State Hornet

Hornet player Chad Gupill fights his way through a Stanford player on his way to a steal.

who had 31 saves last year and finished the season with a strong shutout of Loyola Marymount. Davis is also the other co-captain of the team.

Michael Linenberger is in his sixth year as a coach here at CSUS and his third as the head coach. In his six years he has compiled a record of 41-44-7.

If Sacramento State is to win their conference, there will be two major teams that they will have to get past to win it. The first is Air Force who lost in the quarterfinals of last year's NCAA playoffs, and Stanford who made it to the second round of the NCAA playoffs last year.

"If we can get by those two teams this year, we will have a real good shot at the conference title," Coach Linenberger said.

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tough schedule, the Hornets have been picked third in the conference this year.

"In 24 years of coaching I've never predicted a win or a loss," Clemons said. "If we play hard, our wins will come."

Sacramento State opens its home season against San Francisco State on Saturday, September 10th. The game starts at 6:00 p.m.

Volleyball: Hornets face tough schedule

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team has received a new portable court that they will be able to use instead of playing on the gymnasium floor.

Coach Colberg said, "We are very excited about this. It will give the players better traction during the game and it is more forgiving on the legs than the floor. We are also hoping that it will help in the future for recruiting purposes."

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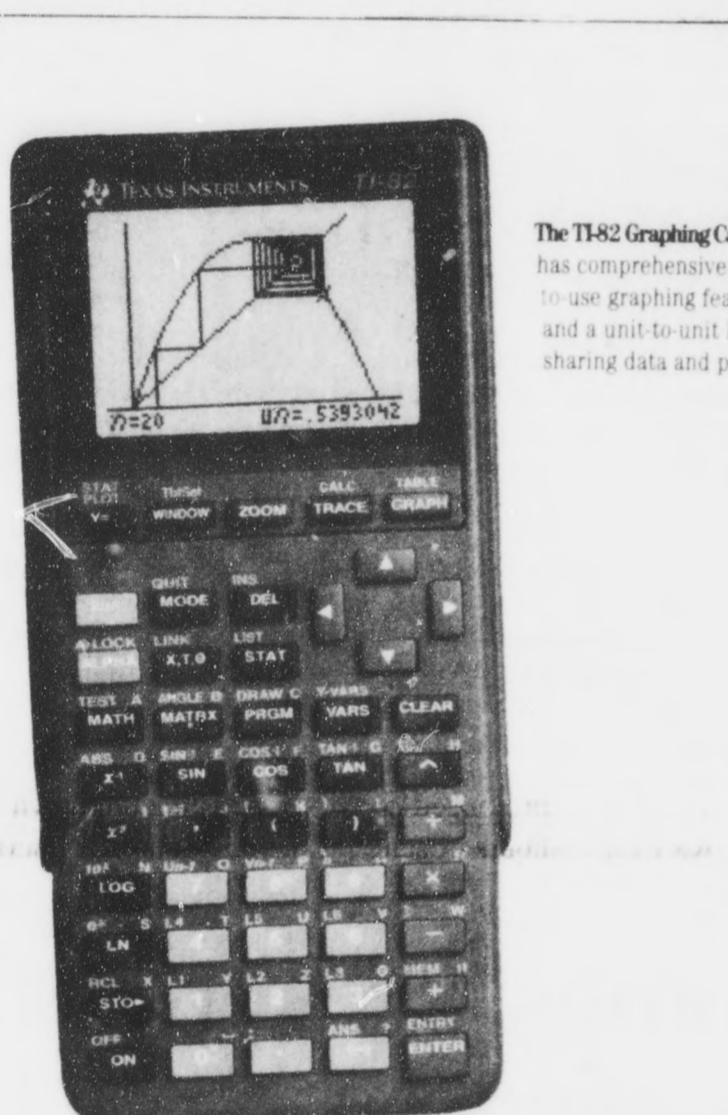


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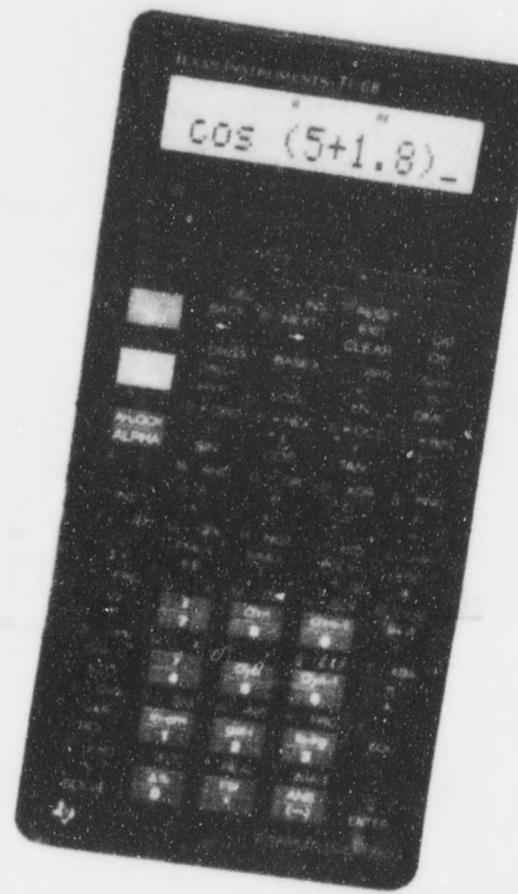
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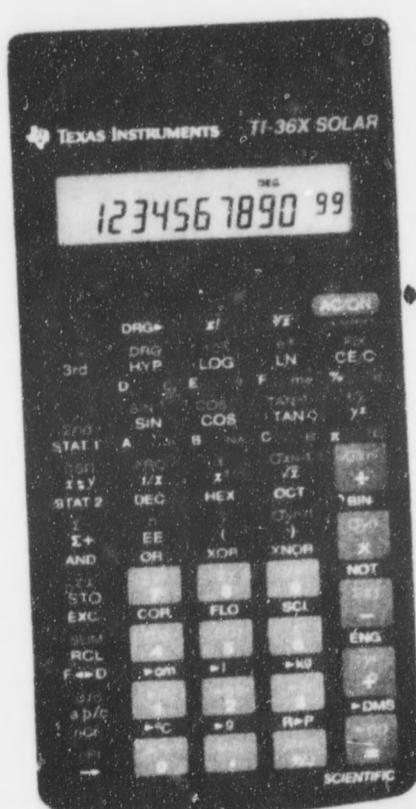


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A Snowball in Hell

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: Aug. 30, 1994
TO: University Pres. Donald Gerth
FROM: Nora Lynn
RE: Exit Interview

When I was selected in May 1993 to be the editor in chief of the illustrious *State Hornet* newspaper, one of my first tasks, even prior to officially taking office, was to meet with you, discuss the academic year ahead and just plain get acquainted. It was a thrill to be counted among student leaders important enough to bend your ear, to know you cared.

But Sacramento State tradition holds that editors in chief also have exit interviews at the end of their terms, so after my exhaustive 1993-94 year full of service to the students of CSUS and the "greater campus community" you mention so often, I was, well, a-titter, at getting another invitation to rap with, as we refer to you in Hornetland, "the Gerthster."

Alas and alack, I never heard from you regarding this second meeting. I am convinced that there is a mail thief afoot, as the current editor in chief didn't get his entrance interview, either. Odd little coincidence, huh? I thought so, too. But you're in



An elusive invitation

never got in touch with "my people" — not that I have any "people," come to think of it. But we had a busy spring semester, the two of us: the *Hornet* was haggling with university administrators for open documents, fighting off vice president's and

dean's chants of "liar, liar, pants on fire," as well as getting kicked out of open Associated Students Inc. committee meetings. You had the new ASI president to meet with, so evidently his invitation didn't get lost in the mail.

Maybe it's just that "your people"

luck. I'm sure if the two of you put your collective heads and DayRunners together, you could still manage to squeeze in an informal tête-à-tête. His schedule is already pretty packed, but I'm sure he'd make time for you.

But I digress. We have so much to discuss, and it's so gracious of you to take time to listen to my humble opinions and insights. So, off we go:

• We started last year off with a whimper, not a bang, by not having a State of the University address, a trend being continued this year. You see, we students do care what you see as the future of the university. Your address last week to faculty doesn't count, because "the university" that is the student body was not present. It appears as though you don't want our input or attendance.

• Don't call the students of this university, the vast majority of whom are working at least one job as well as going to school full time and receiving financial aid, the "products."

We are people, people who pay the salaries of those who call them "products" by way of their taxes and fees. We in the university community know what you mean, of course, but

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Letters to the Editor

Financial aid student asks Gerth for help

An open letter to CSUS President Donald Gerth:

It is now ten days before fall classes start, and it has become painfully clear to me that I'm not going to receive my financial aid by the beginning of the semester, although I applied for aid by the spring deadline. I've been able to make the necessary financial arrangements to insure a smooth transition into my third semester in Nursing, but what about a large segment of the student body who depend on their financial aid to pay for books, food and housing?

Do you care?

I asked the financial aid department why my aid was going to be late and they said requests for financial aid were up 30 percent from last year, and for that you aren't responsible. But you didn't hire 30 percent more people — or even reassign personnel from other departments — to process those additional requests for financial aid. In addition, the financial aid department had two full-time people leave the department and their positions weren't filled, further burdening the financial aid department.

Do you care?

As a consumer, I would have to say you are presenting an inferior product. With diminishing services, fewer classes and fewer majors being offered, I would have thought the area of financial aid was one place you wouldn't want to neglect because it affects so many of us. If I wasn't committed to finishing my degree at CSUS, I would take my money and purchase an education elsewhere.

Do you care?

Bruce Springborn

Nursing

High price of master's degree angers student

Editor:

To all graduate students: The university is holding your master's degree hostage! You have probably recently received a letter from the Office of Research and Graduate Studies, signed by Vice President Donald Zingale. In its efforts to raise money, the university has targeted the most vulnerable segment of its students as a source of income — students working on their theses or projects. The July 23 letter is a gun pointed at our heads: Pay the

ransom, or you won't graduate.

Enveloped in one-and-a-half pages of small print was the news: The university is now charging a fee of \$125 per semester to students working on their theses or projects but not registered for credit courses. Waivers of fee payments have been routine until now, and for good reason: the student working on a thesis or project is generally not using university resources except, in some cases, the Library.

Perhaps you registered for thesis/project (500) last spring and planned to finish in the summer; then, you found that your work schedule, the short Library hours during summer, lack of availability of advisers or unexpected complications in your project meant that you could not finish until fall.

In the past it was a routine matter to petition for exemption from fees, and you could do this for up to two years. Now, the rules have suddenly changed, and, when you are "at the point of no return," you are ordered to pay \$125. It matters not if you have no need of the Library or other campus services, if all you are doing is sitting home typing. The university still wants your money.

All graduate students are urged to

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Defining the *real* catastrophe

They're at it again.

After three months off, Sacramento State students probably thought they'd heard the last of the university's mishandling of the controversy surrounding the Multi-Cultural Center. Think again.

While a serious enrollment shortfall threatens to cost the university nearly \$3 million, fees increase steadily, residence halls' capacity figures approach their lowest yet and a host of other potential crises loom, university administrators are still playing a costly game of politics with the Multi-Cultural Center and its director.

Now Dean of Faculty and Staff Affairs David Wagner — who definitely has bigger fish to fry — has prolonged a quagmire that has gone on far too long already and granted Catastrophic Leave to Multi-Cultural Center Director Suzanne Brooks for what appears to be stress-related problems caused by the funding controversy.

Catastrophic Leave, let's not forget, that is not available for all pregnant employees or for employees undergoing certain types of chemotherapy.

Catastrophic Leave, let's not forget, that has only been granted once or twice on each campus, according to the CSU

Chancellor's office.

But the issue at hand is not even whether Suzanne Brooks deserves Catastrophic Leave.

The larger issue — and the *real* catastrophe — is that twice over the summer university administrators have attempted to neatly gloss over an issue that festers with each passing day. For more than five months, what should have been a simple disciplinary personnel procedure has been prolonged needlessly, costing unknown hours of state employees' time and energy.

All the while fundamental questions — like how student money has been spent — remain unanswered.

When a university president — and his staff — prioritize covering for their own mistakes and sloppy accounting rather than improving services to students who pay more now than any CSU students in history, the students lose. It's simply a question of priorities.

Because President Gerth and his troop of top advisers have spent so much time finding new ways to side-step the mismanagement of funds within the Multi-Cultural Center, bigger issues on campus are being short-changed.

And, in the meantime, so are Sacramento State students.

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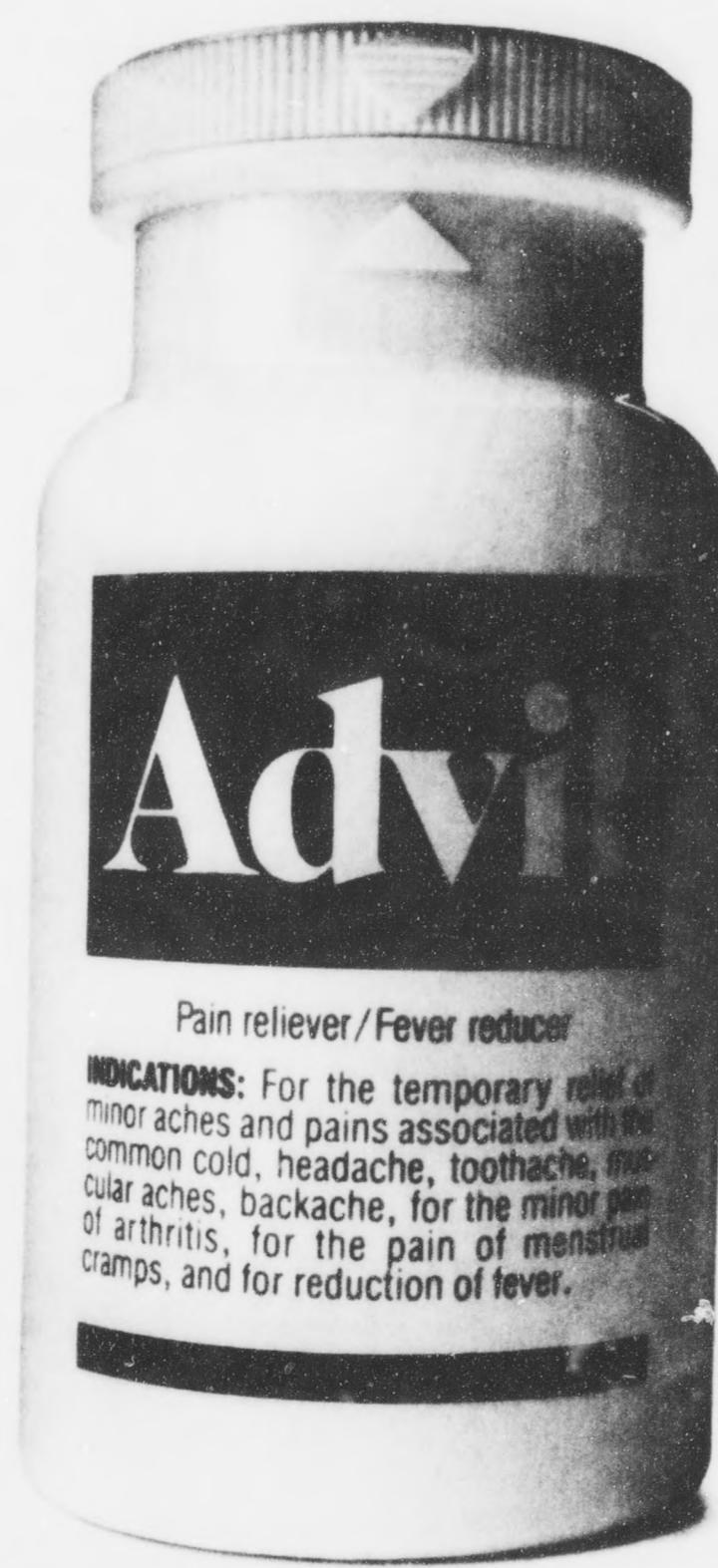
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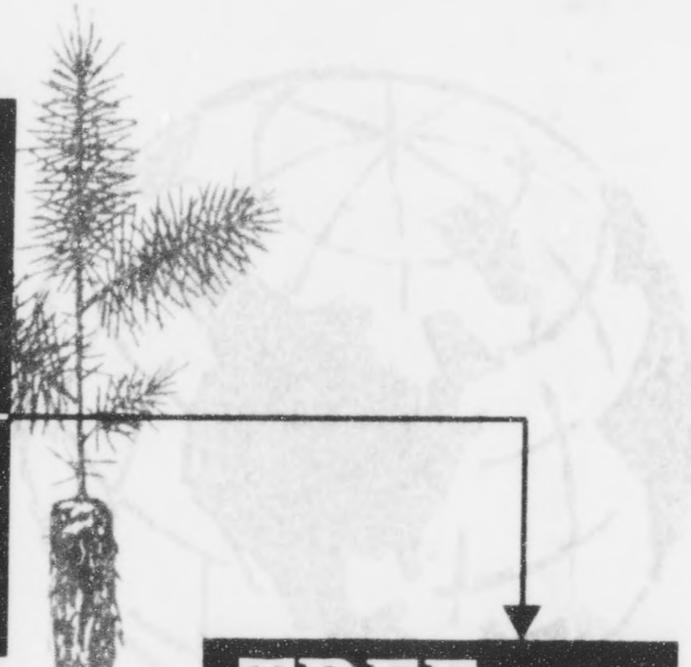
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write to Vice President Zingale protesting this unjust and unreasonable fee. I particularly urge students who have already registered for a 500-level course last fall and were counting on an extension to protest the imposition of this ill-timed burden.

Jillian Stanley
Graduate, English Dept.

Professor questions language requirement

Editor:

In the course of several extemporaneous comments made prior to his formal address to the campus faculty and staff on August 23, President Gerth averred that "Hell will freeze over" before CSUS ever drops its new foreign language graduation requirement. Dr. Gerth then justified his position by saying that this requirement represented the sort of competency that a baccalaureate was supposed to be all about.

However, there was a time in academe when the study of a foreign language traditionally meant developing competency in classical Latin or Greek, while those then interested in the physical sciences immersed themselves in the glories of alchemy. Clearly, traditionalism has its limits.

For most people, three units of intermediate college-level coursework in a foreign language used to satisfy the CSUS admissions requirement (for those fortunate to have completed with a grade of C or better two years of the same foreign language in high school, or its equivalent). That will not be sufficient to qualify them to converse competently in that foreign language. The translation skill that it will impart will be so rudimentary as to be, at best, no more than on a par with what can be accomplished today using appropriate computer software by those versatile enough to know how to turn on a PC and boot the program.

The CSUS administration can take comfort in the fact that there is not, within commuting distance of most of our students, another CSU campus without a foreign language graduation requirement (as is the case with other CSU campuses generally); for if there were, our anemic enrollments could become even more alarming than they already are.

While Dr. Gerth and his foreign language graduation requirement allies may be taking pride in their steadfastness on this issue, it perhaps would be useful for them to know that to others of us, it simply appears that they are living in the past.

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Guest Commentary

University President Donald Gerth

Gerth welcomes students back to campus

On behalf of the faculty, staff and current students of Sacramento State, I would like to welcome you to your university. You are entering Sacramento State at an exciting time in our history. As we approach our 50th anniversary year, the campus community has rededicated itself to finding new and better ways to serve the State of California and the educational needs of its people.

From the selection of your first classes here at CSUS to your application for graduation, there are dedicated and talented faculty and staff here to help make this an

educational and enjoyable experience. More than just an institution of higher learning, this campus is an academic and social community dedicated to the personal and intellectual growth of its members.

The wide range of courses and majors is equalled only by the diversity of the population, ideas and activities that comprise our campus community. The daily interaction with such diversity is a learning experience in itself.

You are about to become a part of something much larger than yourself, but something of which

you are an integral part. I encourage you to become familiar with the student leadership, the faculty and support staff as you immerse yourself in the life and culture of the university. By doing so, you leave your mark on the university as it leaves its mark on you.

You will also be challenged to analyze, criticize and compromise. New ideas, lifestyles and discoveries will confront old ways of thinking.

The development of personal and civic values underlie the overall mission of the university. The

values you choose to hold as important may influence the rest of your life.

You are important to all of us. To paraphrase a 19th century English scholar, a good university is a university that knows its students one by one.

I look forward to an opportunity to meet you. I hold open hours several times each semester.

You will be notified of these meetings as the semester unfolds. Attend them — I want to get to know you and what you have to say.

Have a good year!

Lynn: Makes up for lost time with Gerth

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again for the uninitiated student, it seems impersonal and cold.

• Rumor control on campus has it that you have a good old-fashioned truth squad out there for the elusive Gloria Transit. Any institution worth its salt has some satire poked at it now and again. Adjust.

• Get Joyce, your executive secretary, to fire up the ol' Xerox

Maybe it's just that "your people" never got in touch with "my people" — not that I have any people, come to think of it...

machine and crank out a zillion copies of the California Open Records Act. Laminate these copies and give them to your key administrators. A little bird tells me they'll need 'em.

• And one last thing: my year was full of surprises, gratifications and the unexpected kindness of strangers. But one slap in the face that neither I nor the *Hornet* at large (nor hopefully the student body) will forget was the memo you issued at the last of the semester indicting the *Hornet* for its coverage of a campus administrator who used money from a travel fund to make loans to students without financial aid office or supervisory approval.

The message of your memo was clear: Blame students. Students who merely repeated the words of the same administrator, students who looked at bank records and in essence did the job of the ASI controller by finding documents to back up the administrator's own words in a public meeting. A cheap shot like that memo will not deter the student press from the work they are trained right here on your campus to do. An apology is in order.

Thank you for your time. And if Joyce, while ferreting up a copy of the Public Records Act to photocopy for the troops, happens to lay hands on that memo you sent inviting me over for my end-of-year chat, please have her send me over a copy. It would be a lovely souvenir.

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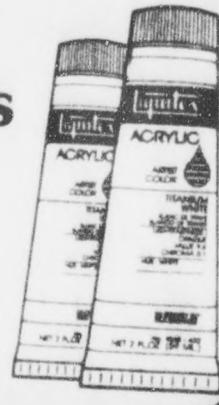
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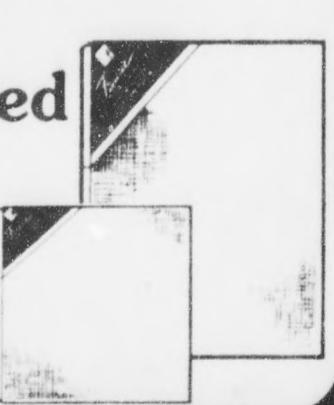
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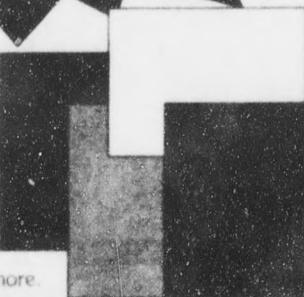
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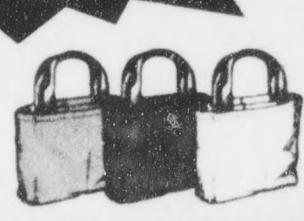
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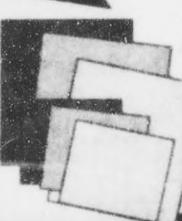
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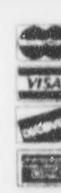
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